



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	May 9, 2023
START TIME:	1:07 pm
END TIME:	4:37 pm
LOCATION:	MESC Governance and Training Centre
CHAIRPERSON:	Dr. Shauna Bruno
MESC BOARD:	Councillor Chase McDougall (Google Meet), John Nepoose, Elliott Young, Azure Johnson (Google Meet), Carmella Cutknife, Ilene Cardinal-Nepoose (Google Meet), Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, Allison Adams-Bull, Helen Bull (arrived 1:16 pm), Chief Desmond Bull (arrived 1:31 pm), Counsellor Jason Makinaw (arrived 1:44 pm)
MESC STAFF:	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
RECORDER:	Jenn Nepoose

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TIME	N/A
ALLOCATION:	
PRESENTER(S):	N/A
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bus driver appreciation day.- Meet and greet with the Circle of Elders

2. Adopt Agenda

TIME	1 min
ALLOCATION:	
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No conflicts of interest.- Virtual attenders confirmed no observers attending.
DECISION:	Moved by Elliott Young, seconded by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, all in favour

3. Adopt Minutes

TIME	5 min
ALLOCATION:	
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	No business arising from the minutes.
DECISION:	Moved by Carmella Cutknife, seconded by Debra Strongman-Omeasoo, all in favour

4. Ownership Linkage

TIME	15 min
ALLOCATION:	
PRESENTER(S):	Helen Bull, John Nepoose and Belinda Lightning
REFERENCE	N/A
DOC:	
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Invited Cecil to discuss protocol for a request from one of the schools.- Discussed the name of the Early Learning Centre. Proposing Theresa Wildcat and Wawayistamo Kiskinwahamatowin.



- Advised not to recognize students that have passed away this year at grad.
- Directed the Principal to follow up on student scholarship policy for families to donate.
- Request for a cultural camp.
- Pigeon Lake male representative has not been selected yet. Chiefs will be reminded of the need to schedule selection committee meeting.
- Request for a feasibility study on a Cree Immersion program and how it would look within the MESC curriculum.
 - o Would require more staff.
 - o May need to pull Cree instructors from the schools and utilize MCC Cree Language program.
 - o Suggestion to research existing Cree immersion programs.
 - o Would require partnerships with early childhood, post-secondary and adult education programs.

ACTION ITEMS

ASSIGNED TO:	ACTION ITEM:	DEADLINE:
TRACY. S	Explore PD for staff on protocol and land-based teachings (seasonal teachings).	N/A
TRACY S.	Meet to discuss possibility of Cree Immersion program. Email date to Board to attend.	TBD

5. Items for decision

a. Name of Early Learning Centre

TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building was approved prior to MESC. - Circle of Elders proposing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Theresa Wildcat o Wawayistamo Kiskinwahamatowin. - Ermineskin Cree Nation had conducted a survey with Nation members to collect name suggestions. Chief and Council are putting forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nikanote Onikanohtewahk (Children are our Future Learners) o Theresa C. Wildcat Building o Kiskiyo Kiskinohamatowikamik (Chief Bobtail) o Bobtail Learning Centre - MESC Board responsibility, as per GP-18, is to ensure proposed names align with MESC values. - Roundtable discussion on preference to a name. 1 abstained from voting in consensus. - Need clarification on Nikanote Onikanohtewahk (Children are our Future Learners). - Names that aren't chosen for the building can be used for rooms within the school. - Request for a plaque to explain the significance of the name. - A naming ceremony will be held.
DECISION:	No. 180 Official MESC Motion- Early Learning Centre Name. Moved by John Nepoose, seconded by Helen Bull, all in favour, Allison Adams-Bull abstained.

ACTION ITEMS

ASSIGNED TO:	ACTION ITEM:	DEADLINE:
TRACY S.	Arrange naming ceremony.	TBD

b. Okimaw Nations Conference



TIME ALLOCATION:	10 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CSBA conference will also be included in the Board's budget for April – August, 2023. Any overages will be taken out of the September – August Board PD budget. - Offering opportunity to 1-2 board members to attend the Okimaw Nations Conference, June 13-15. - Board meeting is scheduled for June 13th. Suggestion to either reschedule the Board meeting or host the meeting at River Cree. - Debra and Shauna are interested in attending.
DECISION:	No. 181 Official MESC Motion- Okimaw Nations Conference. Moved by Azure Johnson, seconded by Helen Bull, all in favour, Debra Strongman-Omeasoo abstained.

6. Monitoring Board Performance

a. BMD-3: Delegation to the Superintendent (Content review)

TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DECISION:	Policy is still relevant. No changes.

b. BMD-4: Monitoring Superintendent Performance (Direct inspection)

TIME ALLOCATION:	15 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted a mid-term evaluation of the Superintendent due to the transition. Will conduct another evaluation in the fall then continue regular schedule as per Board policy. - Superintendent monitoring report for has been tabled to June.
DECISION:	- No evidence requested.

7. Board Education, Presentations and Discussion

a. 2023-2024 School Calendar

TIME ALLOCATION:	20 min
PRESENTER(S):	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kehtehyah Forum will be hosted in June 2023. Moving forward it will be scheduled in August. - All staff breakfast will be on August 28th. - Looking into hosting the back-to-school BBQ in early August at Meskahahk Ka Nipa Wit. Once date is confirmed an email will be sent to the Board. - The new early learning Centre will be ready to accept students mid-September.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considered Nation schedules for off-Fridays when scheduling PD days for Fridays. - Literacy, numeracy, VTRA and curriculum PD will be centralized to ensure all schools are aligned. - Extra hours in the calendar allow for unexpected school closures. Reduced PD days based on feedback from the 22-23 school year. - Principals will plan PD days to address their schools needs for professional development. Will be assisting Principals when needed. - Principals would need to review Parent Advisory Committees annually to ensure requirements for participation are met and to invite other parents to join. - Suggestion to consider year-round schooling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Feedback from families was a concern about interfering with plans to attend pow wows. o Will revisit the possibility for future planning. Add to agenda to discuss along with the Cree immersion discussion.
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b. Maskwacis Cree Junior High School

TIME ALLOCATION:	20 min
PRESENTER(S):	Tracy Swampy-Sylvester
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with the staff to conduct a historical scan. - Review staff input and reflections. - Discussed effects of changes in admin and teaching staff. - Will be meeting with the staff again in June to review the report and create a plan based on the feedback for the new school year. - Suggestion to invite the PAC reps to these events. - Appreciation for how the concerns are being addressed. - Student feedback will be collected at the Oskayak Confernce.

c. Leadership Report Update

TIME ALLOCATION:	20 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debra met with the Montana Chief and Council.

d. Interview request

TIME ALLOCATION:	5 min
PRESENTER(S):	Dr. Shauna Bruno
REFERENCE DOC:	N/A
DISCUSSION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board is invited to participate in reseach project titled “Unravelling Systemiv Blockages to Indigenous Rights in State Institutions and Civil Society”.

ACTION ITEMS

ASSIGNED TO:	ACTION ITEM:	DEADLINE:
JENN NEPOOSE	Email request to Board members.	May 12, 2023